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House Bill _____
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A RESOLUTION to to honor the memory of Robert B. Cultra, Sr.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary Tennesseans who gave unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents, for the betterment of their community and state; and

WHEREAS, Robert B. Cultra, Sr., of Union City, Tennessee was one such outstanding Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cultra was born January 14, 1912, in Conway, South Carolina, the son of Edwin Spencer and Iris Johnson Cultra; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a landscape gardener in the 1930's, and he eventually became the first sodding and seeding contractor for highways in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional skill and expertise resulted in his receipt of honors from the late Governor Buford Ellington and former Governor Lamar Alexander at the openings of I-24 through Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga and the opening of I-440 in Nashville, respectively; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding public servant, Mr. Cultra meritoriously served on the Union City Planning Commission, Obion County Commission and Union City School Board; and

WHEREAS, as an outstanding member of the Union City Rotary Club, Mr. Cultra deservedly was named a Paul Harris Fellow, the organization's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cultra expressed a deep interest in politics; he managed several campaigns, including the campaigning of the late Governors Prentice Cooper, Buford Ellington and Frank Clement. He also honorably served as a 1960 delegate to the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, during the opening of the Milton Hamilton Highway, Mr. Cultra was recognized by former Governor Ned McWherter for his exemplary efforts in securing such highway; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cultra experienced what many Americans can only dream of as a member of the Chicago White Sox spring training team, and he enthusiastically pitched to such legends as Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cultra was a member of First United Methodist Church where he admirably served as a member of the Character Builders Sunday School class and the Administration Board; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife Ruth Cultra; his two sons, Robert B. Cultra, Jr. and Edwin Spencer Cultra II; his daughter, Carolyn Chapman; his sister, Iris Isenbert; his two brothers, George and Ralph Cultra and nine grandchildren; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our deepest regret at the passing of Robert B. Cultra, Sr. and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.